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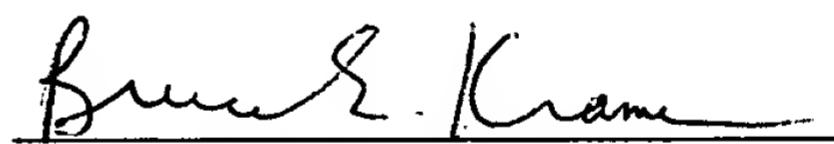
**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, the above-captioned patent application is entitled to small entity status.

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